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CONFERENCE OPENS HERE NEXT WEEK

ANNUAL ALMA SUMMER CONFERENCE HAS PROMISE OF BANNER ATTENDANCE.

Begins July 11

Closes July 17

The annual Alma Summer Conference, which is available for Presbyterian young people and leaders in Sunday School work will be held at Alma College from July 11 until July 17.

The conference this year promises to be the largest attended since the conferences were started by the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work seven years ago. It is estimated that about one hundred and fifty young people and Sunday School workers will attend the conference, which is one of the two that are to be held in Michigan this year.

That the demand for the conferences is growing greater each year is shown from the fact that there is a constantly increasing attendance at them, or at least at the Alma Summer Conference.

From morning until evening each day of the conference promises to be filled with activity. Morning devotional period, the time for study and the various classes take up the time in the morning. In the afternoon comes a rest period. A recreation period with various athletic games follows. In the evening out-of-door services are held, at which inspirational addresses are given.

The program this year calls for the appearance of some well known Church and Sunday School workers. Among them are William Ralph Hall, Miss Kinniburgh, J. A. Mundell, Carl Attig, Miss Norton, Mrs. Walter Howell, Rev. C. A. Latham, Rev. Gelson, Professor Roy C. Hamilton, Rev. W. C. Knight, Rev. W. B. Shirey, and representatives of the various women's boards of the church.

In the morning the classes will be divided into three periods. During the week the first period will bring in Bible Study, Home Missions, Sunday School organization and management, the Cradle Roll, and the Westminster Guild course. The second period will cover missionary education in the individual church, teacher training, Junior Sunday School, and society methods, young people's society methods and individual church program of religious education. The third period will cover the questions, "How We Got Our Bible," foreign missions, "Teen age Sunday School, young people's department methods and essential Christian doctrines."

The class period will be brought to close each morning with an open parliament for the discussion of the questions, "How Our Church Works" and "Life Questions of Young People."

Smith Purchases Saginaw Grocery

Charles H. Smith, who for a number of years has owned and managed a bakery in this city, which is at the present located in the Arcade Hotel building, has purchased a grocery store in Saginaw.

Mr. Smith has already gone to that city, and taken possession of the store which he purchased there.

Since the first of the week his bakery in this city has been closed. Mr. Smith expected the first of the week to dispose of the bakery to other parties, but for some reason the deal did not go through.

It is understood that Mr. Smith will dispose of the bakery just as soon as possible.

George Carl Titus Married Thursday

George Carl Titus, one of the well known young men of this city, who recently signed a contract as superintendent of the Cheboygan schools for his second year, was married in that city on June 30 to Miss Valborg Keldsen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Keldsen, the marriage taking place at the home of the bride's parents.

About forty guests were present at the ceremony, including the brother of the groom, Edward Titus, of Alma. Immediately after the ceremony and wedding luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Titus left for a five weeks' wedding trip, during which time they will visit in Detroit, Niagara Falls, points in Ohio, and Alma, where they will visit with the groom's parents before returning to Cheboygan.

Want Pied Piper For Alma Rats

Many people around Alma believe that the city needs a pied piper to lead forth from the community all of the hundreds of rats that are infesting the various places of vantage in Alma, and it is expected that the matter of rats will come before the attention of the city commission at its meeting next Tuesday evening for a discussion at which time a campaign of extermination is to be agitated.

Recently one of the big national publications devoted considerable space to the subject of rats, calling attention to the fact that there were three times as many rats in the country as there are people—that's some rats. It was also estimated that each rat will cost \$1.50 per year, so it can readily be computed what America's annual rat bill is.

Alma people who are beginning to feel that rats are too expensive for any city to have are planning on promoting a real anti-rat campaign, and hope to have the "city dads" foster the proposition.

Oats wanted. The Daley Feed Store, 220 State st., phone 252.—advertisement.

AN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU OPENED

ALMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEEKS TO AID LOCAL EMPLOYERS AND LABOR.

Announcement has been made that the Alma Chamber of Commerce has opened an employment bureau, which is expected to work for the mutual advantage of not only the laboring people of the community, and the employers of Alma, but also to the advantage of the farmers of the surrounding district.

It will be the aim of this bureau to lend any assistance possible to those who need help, and those who are searching for work, and right now it promises to form an important part in the community welfare, when there is a considerable amount of unemployment.

Those who are in need of workers are requested to file lists at the Chamber of Commerce office, giving the kind of work, the pay, the type of workers needed, etc. The farmers are especially welcome to use the employment bureau in this way.

Those who are seeking work, women as well as men, should file their names at the Chamber of Commerce office and efforts will be made to secure positions. While work is not of course guaranteed by the Chamber of Commerce all reasonable efforts will be made to secure positions for workers.

Smith Lands Coaching Job

Malcom Smith, who with his wife, spent the winter and spring in Redlands, California, will return to the California City this fall as coach of the athletic teams of the high school in that community.

"Runt," while rather small in stature, is rated as one of the best athletes that Alma College ever turned out. He was a star in baseball, basketball, football, and in track. As a diamond star he also gained considerable fame with the Alma Republicans.

His Alma friends, who recognize that Smith has what is called an "athletic head," feel certain that "Runt" will make good on the job.

He is now at Kalamazoo Normal taking a summer course in coaching from "Bill" Spaulding.

City Planning A Test Well

During the coming few weeks the city officials may have one or more new wells sunk in the hope of increasing still more the available water supply for the new pure well water system for the community, which it is hoped will be in use before very long.

A well contractor visited the session of the city commission Tuesday evening and the cost of sinking a well down to bed rock, as a test well was taken up. The cost of the work was estimated at somewhat over \$2,000.

It is expected that the city will have a court order in a few days, which will release the well machine for the city's use for the sinking of the new well, or wells as the case may be.

The money for the cost of the new test well was provided in the bond issue, which the voters passed last November, the money from which is being used to enlarge the pure well water system, add new water mains, etc.

DROWNED IN PINE RIVER ON SATURDAY

HAROLD KING, AGED 17, MET DEATH WHEN SEEKING RELIEF FROM THE HEAT.

Searched Two Hours To Find the Body

Harold King, the seventeen-year old son of Mrs. Archie King of this city, was drowned late Saturday afternoon in Pine river, the body being recovered about two hours later.

It seems that young King, who was employed at the H. W. Miner & Son ice house, went home immediately after finishing his afternoon's work Saturday, changed his clothes, and went back to the river, at a spot near the ice house. He plunged into the river to refresh himself, and it is believed that he suffered from cramps, possibly due to his heated condition when he went into the water. This was about 5:30 in the afternoon. Men working nearby saw the lad sink and, calling for aid, they went to the assistance of the lad. It was two hours before the body could be located. The funeral was held Tuesday from the late home on Mechanic street, and the body was taken to McBain for burial.

Harold King was born at McBain January 7, 1904. When he was three years old his parents moved to Dighton, and two years later moved to Lucas. Three years later they returned to McBain, where they continued to reside until a year ago, when they moved to Alma. His father died five years ago. The lad had been a member of the M. E. church for the past four years. He is survived by his widowed mother and five sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Hunt of Alma, Mrs. Bertha Johnson of Farwell, Ruth King of Marion and Emma and Verna who are still at home.

GOOD ROADS TOUR STARTS

MOTORCADE LEAVES DETROIT SATURDAY AND WILL PASS THROUGH ALMA.

The motorcade of the Michigan Pikers will arrive in Alma at 9:45 a. m. Sunday and remain here until 1:15. A good roads meeting will be held at Wright Park at this time to which the public, especially the farmers in the vicinity of Alma, is invited. The Ford band of forty pieces accompanies the tourists, and will render several selections of a nature appropriate for the day. Splendid good roads speakers will be on hand to give short addresses.

It is regarded as unfortunate that the route of the tourists is such that they must make Alma Sunday, but the route being as it is, the Sunday meeting cannot well be avoided, if a good roads meeting is held in this city.

The seventh annual good roads tour of the Michigan Pikes Association, Inc., leaves Detroit Saturday at noon for a 15½ day intense campaign for better highways and the popularization of through tour routes in the Great Lakes district.

The tour is international for a second time, its most northern terminal being the Canadian Twin Port, Fort William and Port Arthur. It is known as the "Around Lake Superior" tour. It will traverse the Lower Michigan Peninsula from south to north, the Upper Peninsula of the Wolverine state, from east to west; skirt the southern shore of Lake Superior, through northern Wisconsin; follow the north shore of Superior from Duluth, through Minnesota and (Continued on page two)

Military Funeral Held for Wilhelm

The funeral of Private Ernest C. Wilhelm, Company C, 139th Infantry, who died overseas of pneumonia, on November 19, 1918, was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the church in Vestaburg.

The body of Wilhelm arrived in Alma the latter part of last week, being given military escort to this city from Detroit, at which place the bodies of the overseas dead coming to Michigan are first shipped. Tuesday it was taken to Vestaburg.

Wilhelm is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ackers, Grover avenue, Alma.

ALMA TROOP WILL GO TO CAMP GRANT

Captain H. E. Reece has received word that the Alma troop of cavalry, recently formed in this city, and recognized by the war department, will be ordered to Camp Grant, Illinois, on August 20, for a two week's training camp.

He also states that a considerable quantity of the material for the troop has been shipped and that other shipments are expected to be made within the course of the next few days.

MYERS' BODY ON WAY HOME

MILITARY FUNERAL EXPECTED TO BE HELD FOR HIM SOME TIME NEXT WEEK.

The body of Corporal George W. Myers, Company K, 125th Infantry, who was killed in action in France in July 1918, has arrived at Hoboken, New Jersey, from France, and is expected to arrive within the course of the next seven days.

It is not known for certain yet, just when the body will arrive, but it is understood that the bodies of the 7,309 service men which arrived from France the first of the week will be held in Hoboken until Saturday when military services will be held there, and that the body will then be shipped to Alma.

Myers was the first Alma man to enlist when the war broke out, and one of the first local men to be killed during the war. The George W. Myers Post of this city is named in his honor.

Plans are under way for an impressive military funeral here for Myers when his body arrives here next week, which will exceed anything that the Legion post has attempted in this respect in the past, it being felt that it is due Myers that he should have a fitting recognition.

Just when the funeral will be held cannot be told at present, due to the fact that the exact time of the arrival of the body is not known. It is hoped to have the stores of the city close when the funeral is held, and the expectations are that a proclamation will be issued by Mayor Murphy.

Efforts made yesterday to secure a caisson have been successful, one having been secured in Lansing for use at the funeral.

It Is "Jedge" Biggerstaff Now

Joseph L. Biggerstaff is now a justice of the peace, one of the two that Alma has. He succeeded D. L. Johnson Monday, the term of the latter expiring, and Biggerstaff took the office by virtue of having been elected at the hands of the voters of the city this past spring, in a race that was remarkable in that a comparatively new comer to the city was able to defeat his opponent, a man who had resided in the city for years, and was held in high esteem.

During the time that D. L. Johnson is on his vacation, which will be for three or four weeks, "Jedge" Biggerstaff will hold forth in Mr. Johnson's office. Unable to secure suitable quarters Mr. Biggerstaff availed himself of the invitation extended by Mr. Johnson to remain in his offices during his absence.

West Road Is To Be Improved

The farmers residing along the state trunk line road for the four miles west of Alma, progressive as they have always proven themselves to be, when matters relating to public propositions come up, have signed in sufficient number to warrant the improving of road by graveling. The work is expected to start as quickly as possible.

The road has been in bad shape for some years, and even since the taking over of the road as one of the trunk line arteries, the work done on it has not been of such a nature as to keep it in good shape all of the time.

The improvement of the road will be welcomed by the general public as well as by the farmers in that vicinity, and the farmers there are to be congratulated on their foresight in taking hold of the matter in the way that they have. Some aid has been rendered in the work by the Chamber of Commerce, but without the splendid co-operation of the farmers themselves, little in the way of results could have been secured. The Chamber of Commerce stands ready at all times to work in the interests of such improvements in the neighborhood.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

CANDIDATES FOR PLACES ON THE SCHOOL BOARD FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.

Annual Budget Is Coming Up

The annual meeting of the voters of the fractional school district in which the city is located, will be held Monday evening, July 11, at the high school, at which time two trustees are to be elected for a term of three years, the school budget passed and such other business as may come before the voters transacted.

The retiring members of the school board are Otto Sanderhoff, the board president, and W. A. Davis, whose terms expire.

Efforts made by The Record to determine if the retiring candidates would again be candidates have been only partially successful as Mr. Davis is out of the city. It is reported, however, that he will again be a candidate.

When Mr. Sanderhoff was asked if he would be a candidate for reelection, he very frankly stated that he would not say he was a candidate in view of the years that he had served on the board. He would not say, however, that if elected he would refuse to take the place, giving an intimation that he will again give his services to the district if the voters of the district so desire.

Interest, so far as known, is not as keen in the school board election as in former years, and no other candidates for places on the board have as yet announced themselves. Rumor has it that there may possibly be another candidate for one of the places on the board, but as yet nothing definite seems to have developed in this respect.

As a result it is possible that only two names will go before the voters of the district at the annual election. If there is anything tangible to the current rumor, three names will be submitted as candidates at the hands of the voters.

At the meeting President Sanderhoff expects to take some few minutes in going over some of the affairs of the past two years to give the voters an idea of some of the developments that have been made, which promises to be of interest. The annual budget will also go before the voters for their approval.

IMPROPER DIET HANDICAPS CHILD

CLINIC FINDS CHILDREN UNDERWEIGHT AND PASSES BLAME TO APPETITES.

Lansing, July 7.—Who rules "the great American home?"

"The child, in too many instances," insists Dr. R. M. Olin, commissioner of health, in speaking of the findings of the traveling clinic of the state department of health, which in recent months has held clinics in 25 counties in both the Lower and Upper Peninsulas and examined 5,211 children.

Of the 5,211 children examined, 3,142, or 65 per cent, were found to be underweight on an average of seven pounds and six ounces—enough Dr. Olin says, "to seriously handicap the children, since this amount represents about 10 per cent of each child's weight."

"Undernourishment is not due to lack of food in the homes, in the majority of cases," states the commissioner, "but rather to the fanciful appetites of the children acquired through lack of discipline exercised over their diets, and to misunderstanding on the parents' part as to what constitutes a proper diet. On a conservative estimate 75 per cent of all Michigan children are seriously undernourished. It's a case of the child dictating to his parents what he shall eat and when he shall eat it."

"Thousands of families in rural districts where milk is cheap and easily obtained use but very little. The mere fact that the child may consider milk 'a baby food' is enough to keep it off the 'table.'"

To bring the children's weight up to normal, in order that they may develop properly and gain a normal resistance to sickness and disease, Dr. Olin urges parents to adopt a diet of milk, cereals, fresh vegetables and fruits for their children, and compel them to eat at regular hours.

Board Eligibility Squad Is Coming

All wounded and disabled ex-service men of Gratiot county are to be given an opportunity to lay their claims before the eligibility squad of the Eighth District of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

A representative will be ready to see any and all disabled veterans at the Chamber of Commerce office in Alma, July 14, 1921.

It is to be noted regarding the work of the Eligibility Squad that many former service men believe that they are not entitled to vocational training because their discharge papers do not contain statements of disability. This impression should be corrected, for even though the man's discharge papers do not contain evidence of disability, he will be given training if he can show that he has been injured or disabled in such a way that he has become vocationally handicapped.

Some of these men who are adjudged eligible for vocational training will be placed in schools and colleges to learn trades of their own choice, while others will be helped to find places near their homes where they may acquire the desired trades.

HEADLIGHT LAW CHANGES SOON

NEW STATUTE REGARDING USE OF AUTO LIGHTS BECOMES EFFECTIVE SOON.

Few people know of the drastic auto headlight laws which were passed by the last legislature. The following is the sense of the bill, which will be drastically enforced in every county of the state. Auto owners should acquaint themselves with its provisions.

The headlight law has just been passed by the Michigan Legislature, Bill No. 88, and will go into effect on the 10th of August, the date on which all new laws passed by the 1921 session of the Legislature will become effective. This law will not permit the use of the motorists "Menace"—the "glaring head lamp" and specifies that:

"No portion of the beam of light when pointed 75 feet or more ahead of the lamp shall rise above a plane 42 inches higher than and parallel with the level surface on which the vehicle stands."

The bill also states: "If said vehicle can exceed a speed limit of 15 miles per hour, then they shall have front lamps capable of furnishing light of sufficient candlepower to render any substantial object clearly discernible on a level highway at least 200 feet ahead at all times and at the same time at least seven feet to the right of the axis of such vehicle for a distance of at least 100 feet."

The bill further provides: "That no electric bulb or other lighting device of a greater capacity than 32 candlepower shall be used, no matter how the same may be shaded, covered or obscured."

The Universal Headlight Law is now in force in several states, such as Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Ohio, California and others. It is now up before practically every state legislature.

It is the intention of all parties interested in the automobile industry that this law shall be in force in all states and Canada so far as to insure safety to motorists who tour from one state to another. All laws pertaining to such vehicles, should be the same in all states.

As the laws demand lights must not glare and must produce sufficient light to reveal an object 200 feet ahead of the car at one time and at the same time, it is very apparent that the use of the dimmer switch does not apply.

It is estimated that between 60 and 75 per cent of the automobiles now in use in Gratiot county are not equipped with lights that will be legally usable after the new law goes into effect on August 10.

W. R. C. THIMBLE CLUB

The W. R. C. Thimble Club at Mrs. Strable's was well attended for such a warm day. The work consisted of piecing quilt blocks. Sixty were pieced. The following officers were elected: Agnes McKenzie, president; Adell Irish, vice president; Emma Dunham, secretary; Martha Walker, treasurer. Among the visitors were four generations of the Carner family, Mrs. Adeline Carner and her daughter, Clara Brad, from Phoebe, Virginia, and her daughter, Mable Hickman from Princess, Md., and her daughter, Lucilla. A bountiful lunch was served and a good time enjoyed by all.

The next Thimble Club will convene in the park, July 19, in the afternoon. Potluck supper. G. A. R. men and husbands are cordially invited.

A HOME COMING WEEK PROPOSED FOR THIS CITY

LOGICAL TIME FOR EVENT DURING THE WEEK WHEN THE CHAUTAUQUA IS HELD.

Would Furnish Real Entertainment

During the past few weeks a number of Alma residents have been expressing a wish for a home coming week in Alma and with the Chautauqua week approaching one or two of them have been intimating that this week of admirable features in music, lectures and plays, would furnish some high class entertainment for the visitors at the home coming, which would serve to make the week a delightful one in every respect.

The usual advantages and pleasures of a home coming week could also be derived along with the recreation, elevating lectures, superb comedy dramas, and musical entertainments that Alma will have that week.

The strength of the Chautauqua course is such that it would make an event well worth while as a main feature of a home coming week which would be of great aid in stirring up a greater activity in civic affairs in the community, and might serve as a means to a new awakening such as Alma people apparently need at the present time.

A glance over the strong program that is offered this year is sufficient to convince the most skeptical that the Chautauqua week would offer a wonderful opportunity for such an event.

The successful comedy drama, "The Man from Home"; the famous Ben Greet Players in Shakespeare's immortal comedy, "As You Like It"; Katharine Ridgeway and Ralph Bingham, popular entertainers; a musical recital by the artists of the Mercer Company; significant, informative lectures and exceptional musical entertainment companies—these are notable attractions which will appear here on the 1921 Redpath Chautauqua. Music, drama, fun and philosophy all blend into an exceptionally superior seven days' program.

The Oceanic Opera Company, appearing on the first afternoon, is a singing orchestra, composed of five exceptionally versatile musicians, each one a vocalist as well as a player of unusual ability. The remarkable artistry and musical excellence of the organization has captivated audiences in France, New Zealand, Australia and America.

"America Looking Ahead" is the lecture, on the opening night, by Montaville Flowers, eminent publicist. This compelling speaker emphasizes the principles upon which the future life and happiness of the nation depend. His is a stirring thought-provoking presentation of the problems of today.

The Chapel Singers, on the second day, feature representative sacred music, beautifully sung. Their program also offers a splendid variety of popular numbers and will be sure to please the entire audience.

Lewis A. Convis, lecturing on the second night, presents an interesting and vitally informative address on Bolshevism in Russia and Siberia. Interpretation of the soul of the Slav race is authoritative and challenging. Of exceptional interest are his experiences as a member of the famous Polish Legion.

The artists' recital by the Mercer Company, on the third afternoon, will be highly appreciated and enjoyed. Harry Yeazelle Mercer, well-known tenor, and Harold Ayres, violinist, are the featured artists of the company.

The third night will be "Artists' Night." A concert by the Mercer Company will be followed by an interpretative recital by Katharine Ridgeway. Miss Ridgeway has been enthusiastically received in all parts of the United States. Pathos, fire and love of outdoor things, all contribute to one central theme in her program. Miss Ridgeway's exceptional art is (Continued on page two)

Mrs. Rena Kanter Honored at Meet

At a meeting of the district organizations of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary Posts at Owosso last week, Mrs. Rena Kanter of this city was among those who were honored, the Alma woman being elected as vice-president of the district organization, which includes both Legion Posts and Auxiliaries. Wilbur M. Brucker of Saginaw was elected as president and George Metcalf of Saginaw was elected as treasurer.